

REMARKS

Initially, the Applicant expresses appreciation for the Office's favorable consideration of the Applicant's Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, as filed by the Applicant on 15 July 2005.

The Applicant has received and reviewed the Official Action mailed on 15 September 2005 (hereinafter, the "Action"), and submits this paper as a fully-responsive reply thereto.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,687,351. Without conceding the propriety of the stated rejection, the Applicant encloses herewith a terminal disclaimer complying with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) to advance prosecution of this application.

The Applicant also revises the first paragraph of the specification as indicated above to correct the cross-reference to a parent application.

The Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith. The Applicant also requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the double-patenting rejections lodged against claims 1-20.

Conclusion

The Applicant requests prompt and favorable action on this application at the earliest convenience of the Office. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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